## FACE THE STATE – 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2009

7/5 Fill Program

7/12 KTVQ Host: Jay Kohn

Guests: Terry Holzer, Yellowstone Valley Electric Co-op, Brad

Molnar, Public Service Commissioner, Mt. Rep. Kendall Van Dyk - d-Billings

The program covered the current Cap & Trade Energy Bill that passed the U.S. House last month - and is now headed to the Senate.

We discussed the new carbon tax, its potential impact on consumers and utilities and how Cap & Trade plays into the nation's new energy policy.

7/19 N/A Local Fill Program

7/26 KPAX Host: Angela Marshall.

Guest: Patrick Barkey University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research

The organization recently completed an in depth report on the status of Montana's economy in this recession and toured the state with it's findings. Sunday's program was an update on how that information was received and how Montana is weathering the economic downturn.

8/2 KRTV Host: Kay Rossi

Guest: Jim Lynch MT Department of Transportation

They discussed the "Respect the Cage": When Drivers & Passengers DO NOT Buckle Up program. The program is a traveling educational program through the Montana Department of Transportation that is used to educate people on the importance of wearing seat belts and seat belt safety.

8/9 KTVQ Host: Jay Kohn

Guests: Nick Wolter, CEO Billings Clinic, Lil Anderson, CEO & President, Riverstone Health, Lainey Reynolds-Keene, R.N. Inc

Topic: Health Care Reform

Today's panel of Montana health care professionals discussed the current effort to reform America's Health Care System.

Nick Wolter, CEO of Billing Clinic spoke about the various proposals being considered in the reform debate and how they might impact the delivery of health care in Montana. Nick focused on the current problems hospitals and nursing homes encounter, and some of the financing options now being considered. Lil Anderson of Riverstone Health offered her input from the public health agency perspective. Lainey Reynolds-Keene, offered her perspective as an advocate for consumers and employers as they prepare to deal with the realities of the health care reform effort.

8/16 KBZK

8/23 KTVQ Hosts: Julie Lovell & Jay Kohn

Guest: Senator Max Baucus

This special edition of Face the State aired at 5:00pm Sunday 8/23. Our guest was Montana Senator Max Baucus, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee.

We discussed at length the various aspects of the current health care reform debate. We questioned the Senator about the current status of the Health Care Reform bill before his committee, and what the chances were for a bi-partisan bill to emerge. We also discussed the so-called public option - and why a single payer system was not included in the Senate bill. Other issues discussed: the cost of health care reform and how it would be paid for, the public protests that have accompanied town hall meetings nationwide, what Baucus is hearing from Montanans during the current Congressional recess.

8/30 N/A Children's Program Make-goods

9/6 N/A Children's Program Make-goods

9/13 N/A Children's Program Make-goods

9/20 KPAX Host: Jill Valley

We will discuss the MT Clean Indoor Air Act, which takes effect on October 1st. We will have four guests, who will include Kristin Page Nei (the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Dir.), Erica Rollins (the Coordinator of Tobacco Free Missoula County with the Missoula City-County Health Dept.), Laura Fox (MT Clean Indoor Act Advocate), as well as a Missoula tavern owner (possibly from Flippers Casino). I will also air clips of a commercial out-lining Laura Fox's emotional story regarding second-hand smoke, and I will re-air Angela Douglas' PKG on "Smoking Shacks."

9/27 KRTV Host: Fred Pfeiffer

GUEST(S) & TITLE(S): Walter Breuning – Age 113 World's Oldest Living Male

## SUMMARY/TOPIC (QUESTIONS ASKED):

How has your life changed since inheriting the title of the World's Oldest Man in July? Mr. Breunings reflections of 113 years of life, as well as living and working through the Great Depression.

How did you enjoy your birthday on Monday with the Governor and others in attendance. How today's economy compares to the Great Depression.

The success to a long life.

## **COMMUNITY NEEDS ADDRESSED:**

Ways you can extending the length of your own life.

What does he observe that could be done to help the nation and its economy?

How has his title and age brought visitors and attention to Montana?

Why weight, staying active and learning something new everyday is important to everyone's health.